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# **DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**

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	In the Matter of	)	
		) Docket No.11A- <u>o</u>	<u>43</u> -INS
***************************************	Fidelity National Title Insurance Company	)	
-	(CA) (NAIC# 51586)	)	
1		) ORDER RELEAS	ING
		) DEPOSIT	
	Petitioner.	)	
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Upon the Petitioner's written application for the release of deposited funds, the Director shall issue an Order releasing and returning the deposited funds to Petitioner to the extent that the deposit is in excess of the amount required. ARS § 20-588(A)(2).

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. American Title Insurance Company ("ATIC"), NAIC No. 50075, was a Florida domiciled insurer authorized to transact insurance business in Arizona until November 21, 1996 when it merged into Fidelity National Title Insurance Company of Pennsylvania ("FNTPA"), NAIC No. 50393, a Pennsylvania domiciled insurer that was not authorized to transact insurance business in Arizona.
- 2. On April 4, 1997 FNTPA merged into Fidelity National Title Insurance Company of New York ("FNTNY"), NAIC No. 51071, a New York domiciled insurer that was not licensed to transact insurance business in Arizona. FNTNY was the surviving insurer after the merger.
- 3. In 1999, FNTNY, requested that the Arizona Director of Insurance ("Director") accept surrender of ATIC's certificate of authority. In connection with the

surrender of the ATIC certificate of authority, FNTNY placed a security deposit (the "deposit") with the Arizona State Treasurer for the sole benefit of Arizona policyholders and claimants (the "Agreement") as security for its outstanding insurance obligations.

- 4. On July 30, 2004, FNTNY merged into Fidelity National Title Insurance Company ("Petitioner"), NAIC No. 51586, a California domiciled insurer licensed in Arizona since March 29, 1982. Petitioner was the surviving insurer in the merger.
- 5. The current amount of the deposit is approximately \$215,000 (two hundred fifteen thousand dollars).
- 6. On May 11, 2011, Petitioner filed an application for the release of the deposit pursuant to ARS § 20-588 (A)(2).
- 7. Petitioner provided the Director with a certification from the California

  Department of Insurance that, as of December 31, 2010, it holds \$14,550,000 par value in securities in trust as security for the benefit of policyholders and creditors of the Petitioner.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The California Department of Insurance certificate satisfies Petitioner's trust deposit requirement prescribed in ARS § 20-1563.
- 2. The Director has no personal liability for the release of a deposit made in good faith as provided in ARS § 20-588(B).
- 3. Petitioner is entitled to the release of Deposit pursuant to ARS § 20-588(A)(2).

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### **ORDER**

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that the deposit in the amount of approximately \$215,000 shall be released to Petitioner.

Dated this 12th day of May , 2011

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Director of Insurance

COPY of the foregoing mailed/delivered this 17th day of May, 2011, to:

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